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Prize Essays.

The Abbeville Press and Banner makes the llowing offer for Prize Essays on the value of the country newspaper as an educator and a teacher of morals. Competitors are expected to show the necessity of bringing the local newspaper into every household, and to present the advantages which newspapers furnish as aids to the parent, to the school teacher and to the preacher, and also to present the disadvantages under which families labor because of having been deprived of newspapers.

For the first best article \$8 will be given For the second best article \$5 will be given For the third best article one year's sub-

scription to the Press and Banner will be given. Competitors to exercise their own judg

ment as to length of article. The award to be made on the first of Jun

by an impartial committee. Put the name of the author in a separat

envelope, not to be opened until the award is April 21, 1891. tf.

The Abbeville Rifles.

The Abbeville Rifles, feeling that they would be as welcome in Columbia as any other Company, attended the Centennial last

We have no doubt that they were welcome but we believe they were either not invited our own expense. Unless we change our to join in some of the parades or else their name was omitted from some of the published lists. It is also noted that the Mayor yesterday in

giving thanks through the columns of the State to the people generally, and to the Military Companies by name, forgot to mention the Abbeville Rifles among the other Military Companies. Although we believe their names were

omitted twice, when others were mentioned, we cannot believe that either the newspapers or the Mayor, would thus intentionally slight the Abbeville Rifles because of the failure o Abbeville County to build an arch. Neither can we believe the fact that Abbeville with three exceptions, voted the regular Democratic ticket at the general election contributed to the omission of which we speak.

Abbeville owes no apology and makes none—not even to Hampton—for doing what ic ticket at the general election contributed

she conceived to be her duty in the political contest.

But for all that, perhaps no people in South Carolina honors Hampton and Haskell more than do the people of Abboville. No man in South Carolina has greater cor

fidence, love and respect from this people than has her own beloved son, Hon. A. C. Haskell. While we are obliged to believe that the

Abbeville Rifles were not specially honored yet we do not believe that Mayor McMaster would pointedly and intentionally slight The omission of their name was surely

mistake of his own, or else the type-setter and proof-reader of the State put him in a wrong position.

who suffered in some way from the war.

After listening to patriotic speeches all day at Georgetown, with a continuation of spreadeagle eloquence at night and in the midst of the performance, an impromptu press meeting was held, and \$100 was appropriated for such a monument to be built, possibly in Richmond. It didn't matter much where.

The "monument" is not to benefit anybody in any other way to than gratify vanity and as such would be comparatively a useless expenditure.

If the monument had been in the shape of a "home" for weary and care-worn widows or daughters of the Confederate soldier, then some practical good would result.

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Monuments, when they are built by the voluntary contributions of the people, are well enough, but when the people have to be draggooned, begged or bullied into giving a grudging gift, then we think monuments had better be left unbuilt.

Columbia's Ovation to Hampton. The city papers seem well pleased with

the Centennial, which came off last week. May 13, 14 and 15th. People from all parts of the State were

there, though the crowds were not larger than were expected. The city was dressed in holiday attire, and

every street made great exhibitions of bunting and flags. General Hampton made the big speech of

the occasion, which has been printed in the daily newspapers. . The Abbeville Rifles under the command o Captain McGowan, went down, as did a few

others from this place, going it may be, without the wedding garment-an arch. A visitor fell from an arch, and died from his ijuries. Besides this, we believe no serious

accident occurred. Judging from the accounts in the papers the centennial was a grand success, in so far as it may have been intended to show the

which the beloved Hampton has on the grea The editor of the Press and Banner did no go, but the paper was not without repre sentation in the grand old city, which starts outon a new century with such bright pros

The Presidency of the South Care

lina College. The News and Courier places Mr. Benetno doubt valutentionally-in an unfair post tion before the public in reference to the South Carolina College. Mr. Benet has no sought the place.

Whatever he might do now in accepting or declining the place, in the past Mr. Benet has twice declined to allow his name to be used in connection with the Presidency.

But we would say this: We believe the Trustees could not do better than to elect him to the Presidency.

His ability, his education, and his adaptability for the work, eminently qualify him for the position, and the college would be fortunate in having a President who is the equal of any man in the State.

The Orangeburg Enterprise. This paper publishes pictures and sketches of the editors and proprietors, and a description of the improved machinery in the office It is a fine showing for the machinery, and the editorial history is of an interesting na-

MR. R. L. McCAUCHRON has been elected President of the Piedmont Manufacturing Company, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Colonel Hammett.

The Coosaw.

The Coosaw Mining Company have leased he creeks and marshes belonging to the Pacific Guano Company. The Coosaw will nenceforth dig phosphate rock in the same neighborhood as hereto fore, but will hereafter pay the royalty to the Pacific Guano Com-

THE FARMER'S COLLEGE.

TING UP THE BUILDINGS.

The Current Company is not for the company of the c

in a little time. Chalmers has been offered 55 for one of them, which sum he has refused. About two years ago Andrew Ferguson killed a grown calle some two miles from where these were found.

The eagle being a useful bird in carrying off lambs, pigs, children and chickens, the eagle industry will likely thrive.

If you want to see real live eaglets, call on halmers Hughes, and let him tell you how he climbed to dizzy heights and endangered his hife for the birds which are so rare in this section, and of which he is now so proud.

Then you can wait a reasonable length of time to see in these columns a sad story of the death of some mother's son who in trying to emulate the daring of Master Chalmers Hughes, has reached an untimely end. The verdict of the Coroner's Jury will be "death from accidentally falling from a tree top." The preacher over his coffin will no doubt after such words of consolation, as he can find, and which, spiritually speaking, may be a great solace to the afflicted mother, but which, in reality, would weigh very little if put in the scales against presence, life, devotion and love of a dutiful son.

BROKE HIS BROTHER'S HEAD.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN THE WORK OF PUT-

"And Ca'n asked with Abel his brother; and it came to poss when they were in the field, that Can distributed a fine or posse up against Abel his brother, and siew him."

Gen. W. S.

Internated energy coursed the train last Monday for Augusta.

One of our bachelor friends enjoyed a fish dinner, softiary and alone, on Rock River is true-slay.

Latimer seems a favorite place for drain many for the course of the course of

Latimer's Locals.

LATIMER, S. C., May 18, 1891. The weather still continues cool for the After His Shull was Fractured, Allen season of the year.
Wilson Walked to Town, Where Rev. H. C. Fennel, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Hawther and others, boarded the train last Monthly and Application.

Monuments.

This seems to be an age of monuments and centennials.

It is a poor county that can't get up a centennial of some kind at very short notice while the whole country seems crazy on the function of their united appearance.

While the whole country seems crazy on the subject of monuments—great piles of grantite to decire the glory of the dead and to perpetrate the vanity of the living.

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On July 29th, the day after the laying of the corner stone, the Board of Prustees wid meet for the purpose of electing a full corps of professors for the Col eye. There will be ten months, beginning the first of February of each year. The vacat ons will be ten months, beginning the first of February of each year. The vacat ons will be taken during the winter months instead of the summer.

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Sociation of Contederate Veterans, and the effection of a Confederate Poterans, and the effection of a Confederate nonument. After some discussion it was determined. It was determined that a meeting be held at Lindsay halt on Saturday, the committee to look after the enrolment of members consisting of the following gentlement; F. V. Pruitt, Samuel Agnew, A. R. Eilis, W. T. Cowan and J. W. Wideman, Prof. Hoad was then asked to prepare a system of by-laws and a constitution to be adopted, and to effect a permanent organization.

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